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SUBJECT: CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE: GOM REACTION TO AIDE MEMOIRE

REF: A. RABAT 2664

B. RABAT 1872

1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO DELIVERY OF AIDE MEMOIRE AND DISCUSSIONS REPORTED REF A, ECOUN ON JUNE 16 SPOKE TO SECSTATE FOR ECONOMIC XFFAIRS, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ON SAME SUBJECT. IN UNEQUIVOCAL LANGUAGE AND WITH APPARENT REFERENCE OUR AIDE MEMOIRE, BELKHAYAT ASSURED ECOUN THAT GOM STRONGLY SUPPORTS SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE RE DIALOGUE ON PETROLEUM AND RAW MATERIALS.

2. ON PHOSPHATES, ASSERTED THAT MOROCCO HAS NEVER ATTEMPTED PRODUCER CARTELIZATION. RATHER, GOM SEEKS CONSUMER/PRODUCER MARKETING ARRANGEMENT CONSISTING OF AGREED FLOOR PRICE PLUS ADJUSTABLE STOCK PILE TO REDUCE PRICE VOLATILITY WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED MARKET IN PAST. POINTED OUT ENORMOUS SOCIAL COSTS WHEN ENTIRE MINES HAVE HAD TO BE SHUT DOWN, OR PRODUCTION SEVERELY REDUCED, CAUSING GREAT REGIONAL HARDSHIPS. ASSERTED
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THIS NO LONGER PERMISSABLE IN AGE WHERE GOVERNMENTS ARE

EXPECTED TO ASSURE MINIMAL SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES.
EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IMF OR OTHER IFI MIGHT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR FINANCING STOCKPILES. STRESSED JOINT INTEREST OF U.S. IN
SUCH ARRANGEMENT AS MAJOR PHOSPHATES PRODUCER.

3. BELKHAYAT REACTION CLEARLY REFLECTS OFFICIAL GOM VIEW.
WE THEREFORE JUDGE THAT PRESENT MOMENT OFFERS FAVORABLE
OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE GOM TO SUPPORT MAJOR U.S. OBJECTIVES
BOTH AT RECONVENED C/P MEETINGS AND AT UNGA/SS ON QUID PRO
QUO BASIS. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO RPT NO REPORT THAT FINMIN
BENSLIMANE WAS APPROACHED IN THIS REGARD AT PARIS FUND/BANK
MEETING AS SUGGESTED PARA 6, REF B. IF OTHER POSTS ARE
GETTING SIMILAR REACTIONS, MIGHT THEREFORE BE USEFUL FOR
ENDERS, KATZ OR OTHER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL TO SCHEDULE SWING
THROUGH AREA TO EXPLORE TACTICAL APPROACHES WITH SENIOR
ECONOMIC OFFICIALS.
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